

PIONEER ERA

Oxen Lugged Home Bacon

Before the days of super markets, home deliveries and the like, going to market was something of a task. Facilities were not bad in the cities and towns, as progressive merchants endeavored to make it as easy as possible.

In this old-time picture you get an eyeful of the pause that refreshes, as it was practiced some 70 or more years ago. The scene was laid in an early-day trading center and the buildings in the background were the heart of it.

The picture was taken in front of the Coalville Co-op. This outfit had come to town from Upton to pick up supplies. You couldn't drive oxen like you do automobiles. Travel in this fashion was what you might call leisurely.

It took one day going and one day coming, about 10 miles a day. Of course, the oxen browsed along the way; time didn't matter much anyway in those days. The owner of the ox team is William Boyer. The team was known as Spot and Lion. Mrs. Boyer and the three children, John R., Margaret Jane and William B., went along for the ride. The photograph belongs to Mrs. Annie M. Perry, 1026 Wood ave.



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